## Catawba County Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Guidelines

## Safety Glasses Policy

The purpose of providing each employee with a pair of safety glasses is to ensure that each employee have the proper safety gear for situations they may encounter while working for Catawba County Emergency Medical Services.

- Catawba County Emergency Medical Services will supply each employee with a pair of safety glasses.
- ➤ The County will incur the costs associated with the initial purchase of these glasses.
- Employees are expected to wear their safety glasses during any situation that might pose a safety hazard to the face or eyes.
  - Some examples of situations when the safety glasses will be utilized include:
    - Intubations
    - Establishing intravenous lines
    - Assisting with childbirth
    - During care of a patient where extrication is being performed around you
    - Anytime splatter of blood or body fluids is suspected
- Should an employee lose or damage their safety glasses while on-duty or from a secure location, the County will replace the safety glasses at no expense to the employee.
- Should an employee lose or damage their safety glasses beyond repair while off-duty or from an un-secure location, then the employee must reimburse the County for the cost of the replacement glasses. The cost of a replacement set of safety glasses is currently \$4.00.

The Safety Officer will be notified and take care of any problems involving the safety glasses.

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